

Oral History Collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

Early Lubbock settlers Monroe and Molly Abernathy discuss James Jarrott, Mrs. Abernathy's first husband, and the early settlement of the Lubbock, Texas area.

MAIN ENTRY:

Abernathy, Monroe and Molly

DATE OF INTERVIEW:

June 4, 1956

LOCATION OF INTERVIEW:

Lubbock, Texas

INTERVIEWER:

Seymour V. Connor

LENGTH OF INTERVIEW:

1 hour

TAPE ONE, SIDE ONE:

James Jarrott, Molly's first husband
Texas Legislator (1886)
Lived in Milsap, Texas
To Arizona (1887)
To Thorpe Springs, Texas (1889)
To Stephenville, Texas
Law practice
To Lubbock, Texas
Mr. Faulkner
Land speculation
Activities in Lubbock

TAPE ONE, SIDE TWO:

J. J. Dillard, Lubbock lawyer
Lubbock Avalanche
James Jarrott
Land settlement
Legal records
McGaughy, Land Commissioner
Settlement activities (1902)
Names of original settlers
Living conditions
Water wells

TAPE TWO, SIDE ONE:

James Jarrott (continued)
Settlement activities (continued)
Water wells (continued)
Settled on land (1902)
Difficulties with Lake Tomb Cattle Company
Land filed (August 12, 1902)
Process of filing
Death of James Jarrott (August 1902)
Killed to frighten off settlers
Legal suit over land
Judge Smith
Jarrott's death
Not armed
Location of murder (windmill)

TAPE TWO, SIDE TWO:

Jarrott's death (continued)
Jim Miller, assassin

Colin George, lawyer
Grand Jury hearing
Jim Miller
Confession
Hung by a lynch mob
Colin George
Molly Jarrott (Abernathy) stayed on ranch
Description of ranch
Education of children (Bess, Dick, and John)
Trip to Stanton, Texas (1903)
Letter to Judge Woodhall, San Antonio
Jim Miller
Life history

TAPE THREE, SIDE ONE:

(June 4, 1956)
Jim Miller
Letters
Arrest and hanging of Miller
(June 7, 1956)
Hotels owned by Mrs. Abernathy
First automobiles in Lubbock, Texas
Condition of roads
Other real estate investments in Lubbock
Sale of Nicolette Hotel
Other investments
Lived in Lubbock and on ranch
Mr. Abernathy worked for railroad
Origin of name of Abernathy, Texas
Monroe, Texas (changed to New Deal, Texas)
Jarrott Ranch cattle brand
Size of herd, ranch
Sold ranch to J. L. Hankins (1919)

TAPE THREE, SIDE TWO:

Oil found on ranch
Railroad through Lubbock area (1912)
Difficulties with building line
World War I
Mr. Abernathy
Dick Jarrott
Aviation instructor
First house on ranch (1902)
Built by John Agnew
Second house built by Agnew (1906)
Judge Rank Brown of Lubbock County
Fletcher Conner
Relative of Mrs. Abernathy
Crops grown on ranch
First cotton in county (1907)
Sorghum crop (1903)
Early cattle production on ranch
Fletcher Conner
Abernathy's marriage (1905)

TAPE FOUR, SIDE ONE

Homes in Lubbock, Texas, and on ranch
Education of children
 Peacock Military School
 Texas A&M University
Santa Fe Railroad development (1908-1912)
 S. S. Lees and Associates
 From Canyon, Texas to Lubbock
Mrs. Abernathy's activities
 Prohibition
 Women's Christian Temperance Union
 Women's Movement
 League of Women Voters
Accumulation of property
Events of 1920s

TAPE FOUR, SIDE TWO:

Events of the 1920s (continued)
Various residences
Mr. Abernathy's involvement in real estate
 Settlement activities
 Land acquisition deals
 Abernathy, Texas
Mrs. Abernathy
 Travel
 Property dealings
 Daughter Bess as a teacher
First bank in Lubbock, Texas (1902)
 First National Bank
Effects of 1930s Depression
 Building contract with Temple Trust Co.
 Mr. Abernathy
 Supervisor for Federal Land Bank
World War II
Corner lot owned by Mrs. Abernathy
 First Building

TAPE FIVE, SIDE ONE:

 Leased by C. H. Grollman
Corner lot owned by Mrs. Abernathy (continued)
 First Building (continued)
 Leased by Wolfforth and Stevens
 Burned twice
Other building owned by Mrs. Abernathy
Corner lot building
 Original J. C. Penney Store
 Burned (1936 and 1951)

TAPE FIVE, SIDE TWO:

RANGE DATES:

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1886-1951

BULK DATES:

1886-1951